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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 40.

40 (amended) A process for preparing a fast disintegrating controlled release oral composition containing cefuroxime axetil as controlled release form as claimed in claim 1, which comprises spraying onto a fluidized bed of cefuroxime axetil core material an aqueous dispersion of an inner polymeric coating, retrieving and drying the coated core material and applying to a fluidized bed of the dried material an aqueous dispersion of an outer polymeric coating material and drying the coated particles wherein the inner polymeric coating is a mixture of a first copolymer, poly(ethylacrylate, methylmethacrylate, trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride) with a molar ratio of 1:2:0.2 and a molecular weight of 150,000 and a second copolymer, a poly(ethylacrylate, methylmethacrylate, trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride) with a molar

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